

body of volunteers sent from Fayetteville, Tenn. by GENERAL JACKSON to defend Huntsville from a threatened Indian raid, and they came at a double quick, reaching Huntsville, 30 miles distant, in five hours.

On the 18th of February, 1818 he was married to JOHANNA BAYLESS, daughter of HEZEKIAH BAYLESS, Esq. who in 1805 settled on the place where JOHN A. FANNING now lives. This union was blessed with nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom only one son, DR. FRANCISCO RICE, and three daughters survive him.

In the fall of 1841 he made a profession of faith in Christ but did not attach himself to any Church for several years, when he united with the Baptist Church at New Market, and ever after lived a consistent Christian.

He was of a cheeful, lively disposition, very humorous, having a pleasant smile and word for every one, polite and courteous to the most lowly as to the most honored, liberal in the distribution of his means in the aid of churches and schools, and never turning the poor and needy empty away. In his pursuits as a private citizen and in his official capacity as a Justice of the Peace a love of right and justice was his ruling trait. Few men, if any were more respected than he for these eminent Christian virtues. He died in peace with God and man with a blessed hope of a resurrection of the just... May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

(NOTE: MR. CARTER RICE, a grandson of JOSEPH RICE, now dead, told us a number of years ago that JOSEPH's father, SPENCER RICE, a Revolutionary Soldier, died here before the county records began. This is the first proof we have found of SPENCER RICE's residence, since he died before land in this county was placed on sale by the Land Office. He had a number of sons, OTHNIEL being another.)

March 17, 1883

Marrried in Huntsville Thursday night, March 1st, 1883 by REV. DR. J. H. BRYSON, MR. WILLIAM B. VAN VALKENBURG to MISS EMILY BRADLEY, daughter of the late COL. JOS. C. BRADLEY.

Died suddenly of heart disease at the family residence in Maysville at 10 p.m. March 1, 1883, MRS. ANN BARKER STEWART (34 V), wife of MR. WILLIAM STEWART (46 V), aged about 68 years... wife and mother. Her sister MRS. M. C. GALLOWAY of Memphis, Tenn. came up on Saturday to attend her funeral. We extend to her venerable husband and other relatives our sincere sympathies.

March 14, 1883

We were gratified a few days ago to receive from our old and gallant friend CAPT. HUGH L. MCCLUNG of Brenham, Texas, a subscription to The Democrat.

Died, March 2, 1883 at New Market, Ala. of pulmonary consumption, MRS. ELIZA M. TALIAFERRO, wife of DR. E. T. TALIAFERRO.

Died, in Huntsville, Ala. March 8, 1883, MRS. MARY SAXON (42 T), aged about 76 years, an old resident (w of JAMES) of Huntsville... member of the Baptist Church.

Died in Huntsville, Ala. March 9, 1883, MR. BENJAMIN H. BAILES (9 A; ELDRIDGE), aged about 38... devoted husband and father... member of the Baptist Church.

Died in Huntsville, Ala. March 9, 1883, MRS. MARY MURPHY (believe should be NANCY, I believe), widow of the late JERE MURPHY in her 82nd year. MRS. MURPHY was born in North Carolina Oct. 22, 1801. She came to Madison County about 66 years ago... devoted wife and mother and member of the Methodist Church. Her husband died in '61. Of nine children four survive her, of whom are ROBERT E. and JERE MURPHY.

March 21, 1883

Died in Huntsville, Ala. March 18, 1883 MRS. CLARA A(NN) SIVELEY (nee MARSHALL; 25 A), widow of the late JOSEPH SIVELEY (33 A) of Madison County, aged 38 years. MRS. SIVELEY was the mother of MRS. GEORGE P. LANDMAN of this city. She died in the triumphs of Christian faith and was buried in the City Cemetery, REV. J. A. B. LOVETT performing the ceremony.

April 4, 1883

MR. THOMAS McFARLAND, formerly of McFARLAND's Mills in this county died of pneumonia at his home in Gurleysville, Ala. March 22, 1883.